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Dear Mr Thumboo chetty

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I herewith send a copy of an enclosure letter despatched to Govt of the draft of another, which, if a friend whom I am going to consult advises, I shall send to-day after recasting & polishing it. In doing so my only intention is to keep you informed of these developments so that no judgment may be formed by the Crown except on a full & careful survey of the entire field of controversy. I may add that the letter already despatched has had the benefit of the best available advice here.

It will be noticed that as the arrangements mentioned in that letter had been completed the department had no choice but to act unless it Courted Sublime Self-Stultification. True that charges of arrogance will be made, but they Can & be refuted by me with equal truth & justice; & there is the proverb about those living in glass houses! Secondly it would be Cowardice to be cowed down by misinterpretation, especially when those people don't seem mind such imputations

when urged against them in the slightest. The matter was carefully considered in all its aspects & it was decided that action cd not be hastened.

In regard to the present charge the dept has a locus standi in as much as it shd know who is the acting agency & whether it is an effective or effete body. Then is the larger question which the Govt & Govt have to take into consideration also, as the matter has roused deep party feelings throughout the State, whether the Dist Judge has maintained the reputation of the judiciary for stern impartiality or whether he has given room for suspicion. This is specially important in view of the judicial vacancies & transfers which rumour says will occur soon. Regarding the latter I wish to know why Mr Ramaswamy Chetty's claims cd not be considered? Mr Silvanna was taken from the ranks of the bar & why may not Mr R. Chetty be given similar preference, especially as he seems to be a leading advocate with a good reputation.

In asking for the Chief Court's opinion I am demanding the same course that would have been insisted upon by them if the Judge & the bench & barrows by him were Europeans.

C. R. Reddy